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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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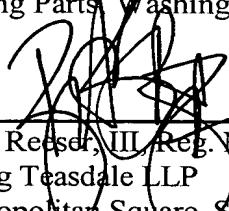
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS IN  
 NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION  
 (Pursuant to Section 503 of the M.P.E.P.)**

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In response to the **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION** (copy enclosed), dated January 28, 2002, Applicants submit the following evidence that the item indicated as omitted was in fact deposited with the P.T.O. on **December 21, 2001**, which is the original date on which the Application and associated papers were deposited.

Specifically, copy of the date stamped return postcard receipt is attached which illustrates showing thereon that the item indicated as omitted was in fact deposited with the P.T.O. on December 21, 2001. Additionally, to expedite the prosecution of the above referenced Patent Application, a copy of the originally filed Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. Therefore, pursuant to Section 503 of the M.P.E.P ("Section 503") Applicant believes the \$130.00 surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e), is not owed.

Conversely, if it is determined that a fee is required please consider this Response to Missing Parts (duplicate copy enclosed) authorization for the Commissioner of Patents to charge deposit account 01-2384.

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Enclosed:

Five (5) pages of specification; Three (3) pages of claims; One (1) page of abstract  
Four (4) sheets of drawings  
Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 pg.)  
Patent Application Fee Transmittal (1 pg., in duplicate)  
Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pgs.)  
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